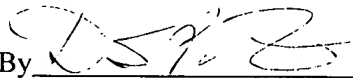


Most α subunits share the consensus sequence for the addition of myristic acid at their amino termini (MGxxxS-), although not all α subunits that contain this motif have myristic acid covalently associated with the glycine at position 2 (Speigel et al., TIES 16: 338-3441, 1991). The role of this post-translational modification has been inferred from studies in which the activity of mutant α subunits from which the consensus sequence for myristoylation has been added or deleted has been assayed (Mumby et al., Proc. Nad. Acad. Sci. USA 87: 728-7321990; Linder et al., J. Biol Chem. 266: 4654-4659, 1991; Gallego et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89: 9695-9699, 1992). These studies suggest two roles for N-terminal myristoylation. First, the presence of amino-terminal myristic acid has in some cases been shown to be required for association of α subunits with the membrane, and second, this modification has been demonstrated to play a role in modulating the association of α subunits with $G\beta\gamma$ complexes. The role of myristoylation of the GPA1 gene products is, at present, unknown.

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